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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
8 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

9 ROY TROST, aka DAISY LYNN  
10 MEADOWS, and JUSTIN MENODZA,  
11 aka AMBER RENEE MENDOZA,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 CHARLES DANIELS, et. al.,

15 Defendants

**Case. No.: 3:22-cv-00205-ART-CLB**

**ORDER GRANTING**

**STIPULATION REGARDING**  
**CONSOLIDATED COMPLAINT**  
**AND DISCOVERY PLAN AND**  
**SCHEDULING ORDER**

16 Plaintiffs DAISY LYNN MEADOWS and AMBER RENEE MENDOZA, by and  
17 through their attorneys of record, Margaret A. McLetchie and Leo S. Wolpert with  
18 McLetchie Law Group, and Interested Party, NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF  
19 CORRECTIONS (“NDOC”), by and through Counsel, Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General of  
20 the State of Nevada, and Douglas R. Rands, Senior Deputy Attorney General who is appearing  
21 for Interested Party Nevada Department of Corrections for the limited purpose of settlement  
22 discussions and case administration (Plaintiffs and NDOC collectively “Parties”), hereby  
23 submit this Stipulation and Stipulated Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order (“Plan”) for the  
24 Court’s approval. The Parties met and conferred via phone on January 19, 2023, and had a  
25 telephonic conference with the Court regarding this Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order  
26 on January 20, 2023.

27 **SPECIAL SCHEDULING REVIEW REQUESTED PURSUANT TO LR 26-1(d)**

28 The claims presented by Plaintiffs require complex and atypical discovery not common

in most civil suits. This case has two Plaintiffs and is a matter in which four cases which have been consolidated. Further, it will likely require the testimony of specialized experts, multiple fact witnesses, depositions, and discovery responses from multiple defendants. As such, the unique approach set forth herein is appropriate for this matter. Finally, this Plan is being submitted in advance of the applicable deadline as defendants have not yet been served or responded to any complaint in this consolidated matter.

### **SCHEDULE FOR AMENDED COMPLAINT AND REPSONSE**

#### **1. Consolidated Amended Complaint**

The last day to file Plaintiffs' Consolidated Amended Complaint will be **Thursday, February 17, 2023.**

#### **2. Screening Order**

The Court shall expedite screening of Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint.

#### **3. Acceptance of Service**

The Parties shall meet and confer as to whether Mr. Rands will accept service of the Second Amended Complaint on behalf of Defendants.

#### **4. Answer to Second Amended Complaint**

a) Defendants will have thirty (30) days to Answer Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint from the date the Court issues a Screening Order if a Screen Order is issued.

b) If a Screening Order is not issued prior to **MARCH 18, 2023,** Defendants will have thirty (30) days to Answer Plaintiffs' Second Amended complaint from the date of service.

c) If a Screening Order is issued after service of Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint, Defendants will have thirty (30) days from the date of Screening Order or from the date of service, whichever is later.

### **INFORMATION PURSUANT TO LR 26-1 AND FRCP 26(f)**

1. Discovery Cut-Off Date; Estimate of Time Required for Discovery (LR 26-1(b)(1); Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)):

In accordance with Local Rule 26-1(e)(1), the one hundred eighty (180) day discovery period will begin on the service date of Defendants' Answer to Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint.

2. Amendment of Pleadings and Addition of Parties

The last day to file motions to amend the pleadings or to add parties shall be sixty days after Defendants file their answer.

3. Certification of Alternative Dispute Resolution (LR 26-1(b)(7); Discussions Regarding Settlement (Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(2))

The Parties hereby certify that they met and conferred about the possibility of using alternative dispute-resolution (ADR) processes, including mediation and arbitration. The Parties specifically request a settlement conference to be scheduled on or around six (6) months from the date Defendants file their answer.

4. Certification of Alternative Forms of Case Disposition (LR 26-1(b)(8); Fed R. Civ. P. 73)):

The Parties hereby certify that they considered consent to trial by a magistrate judge under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73, use of the Short Trial Program (General Order 2013-01), but do not agree to have this trial heard by a magistrate judge nor do they agree to participate in the Short Trial Program.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO FED. R. CIV. P. 26**

1. Timing of Initial Disclosures (Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3)(A)):

The Parties have stipulated to exchange initial disclosures fourteen (14) days after filing of Defendants' Answer to Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint.

2. Case Phasing.

The Parties agree to an initial discovery period (the "Initial Phase") running for six (6) months from the date Defendants file their responsive pleading. Deadlines shall then be stayed while the Parties prepare for and participate in a Settlement Conference. As set forth below, if the matter is not resolved, the Parties will then submit a proposed scheduling order

to allow for the completion of discovery; setting a deadline for expert and rebuttal reports; and setting for the deadline for dispositive motions.

3. Discovery Subjects (Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3)(B)):

During the Initial Phase, Plaintiffs intend to seek discovery on the following subjects:

- The incident(s) detailed and/or alleged in the case;
- Pertinent policies, practices, and training;
- Whether similar incidents have occurred; and
- Damages.

Defendants intend to seek discovery on the following subjects:

- The incident(s) alleged in this matter, and information and documents relating to Plaintiff's claims; and
- Information relating to Plaintiff's claim for damages.

4. Issues Regarding Electronically Stored Information ("ESI") (Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3)(C)):

The Parties intend to further discuss and review the production of ESI. The parties intend to present evidence in electronic format to jurors for the purposes of jury deliberations.

5. Procedures for Asserting Privilege or Work Product Protections; Other Orders (Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3)(D); Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3)(F)):

The Parties intend to submit a Proposed Stipulated Protective Order to the Court.

6. Changes Made to Limitations on Discovery (Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3)(E)):

It is the Parties' current view that, other than the bifurcated discovery approach set forth above, changes are not necessary, and that the Parties should proceed to engage in and supplement all discovery as permitted under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Court Rules, including Depositions, Interrogatories, Requests for Production of Documents, and Requests for Admissions.

7. Extensions or Modifications of the Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order (LR 26-3):

In accordance with Local Rule 26-3, any request for an extension of this discovery plan or any of the individual dates herein shall be filed and served no later than twenty-one (21) days before the expiration of the subject deadline. Any motion of stipulation shall be supported by good cause and include:

- d) A statement specifying the discovery completed;
- e) A specific description of the discovery that remains to be completed;
- f) The reasons why the deadline was not satisfied or the remaining discovery was not completed within the time limits set by the discovery plan; and
- g) A proposed schedule for completing all remaining discovery.

### **ADDITIONAL SCHEDULING INFORMATION**

#### **1. Status Check on Discovery**

The Court will schedule a status check on the progress of the Parties' discovery three (3) months into the discovery period.

#### **2. Status Check on Settlement Conference**

Upon the expiration of the discovery period, the Court will conduct a status check to determine the status of the case and referral to the settlement program.

#### **3. Discovery Prior to Settlement Resolution**

The Parties agree that by engaging in a settlement conference, no party is waiving their rights or stipulating to limit their work during the Initial Phase, or to file motions, including, but not limited to, Motions for Summary Judgment.

#### **4. Joint Status Report After Settlement**

In the event that a resolution is achieved at the settlement conference, the Parties will file a status report within fourteen (14) days of conclusion of the settlement conference.

#### **5. Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order After Settlement**

In the event that a resolution is not achieved at the settlement conference, the Parties will meet and confer regarding a renewed discovery plan and scheduling order within twenty-one (21) days of conclusion of the settlement conference. The Parties will submit this discovery plan and scheduling order within fourteen (14) days of their meet and confer effort.

1 This discovery plan and scheduling order will address the need to conduct any remaining  
2 discovery or depositions, expert disclosures, and dispositive motions.

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7 IT IS SO STIPULATED.

8 DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

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18 IT IS SO ORDERED.

19 DATED: January 30, 2023

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22 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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